# Minutes of the Meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 4 October 2021, at 6.30pm, at Keyworth Rugby Club, Widmerpool

Couns. Christopher Daynes (chairman),

Ray Belton, Anita Gotts, Geoff Brooks, Jenny Daynes,  
Kevin Price, Simon Telfer-Smith

Also present clerk Mike Elliott, Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Rob Inglis, and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1. Minutes from previous meeting 2 August 2021

Approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.

1. Public Open Session (limited to 15 minutes)

No matters raised.

1. Clerk’s Report

The clerk said the dismissal from the Government as a Minister of Newark MP Robert Jenrick could possibly see a change of attitude on holding Zoom meetings. Mr Jenrick seemed to be the person opposed to such meetings, his successor might have a different view. NALC are continuing their request for such meetings to be allowed.

The councils accounts for 2020/2021 have been approved by the auditors without comment and are displayed on the council website.

1. Report from the District and County Council members

Coun. Inglis updated the meeting on activities at the Borough Council and also on the appointment of a new Police Commander for Rushcliffe, Insp. Rob Lawton. Coun. Inglis said attention was being given by the Inspector to speeding problems and he was keen to hear from residents on any matters of concern they might have.

Speaking on behalf of Coun. John Cottee, Notts County Council, Coun. Inglis [stated] the County member currently had some money available in his Community Fund. It was agreed to seek a possible grant towards the cost of the event being held to celebrate the success of local girl, parasport athlete, Sophie Hahn who won another gold medal in the recent Paralympics in Tokyo. Sophie, who suffers from cerebral palsy competes mainly in sprint events and has won several titles including setting a new world record in the 100m sprint in the World Championships in 2018. In that year she won the gold medal in the T38 100 metres for women at the Commonwealth Games; in doing so she became the first female track and field athlete to hold gold medals in the same event from the World Championships, Paralympic Games, European Championships and Commonwealth Games.

Coun. Belton offered to paint the top of the village telephone kiosk – now the home of the village defibrillator – in gold to mark Sophie’s achievements.

1. Correspondence

Ginz Kelai of Midlands Rural Housing has confirmed that the proposed survey in respect of the housing needs survey for the village combined with Wysall and Willoughby will be available shortly for members to approve or otherwise shortly.

Sophie Kirk of the Live and Local Organisation is inviting members to a free online event for such as parish councils interested in bringing live performances to community events in Nottinghamshire.

David Brooks, Old Hall Drive, provided a copy letter he had sent to Ruth Edwards MP on the question of flooding.

The council’s insurers, Came and Company Local Insurance, advised they had rebranded to Gallagher to become part of one of the largest Public Sector teams in the UK.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order 2021 (PSPO) Control of Dogs details were given. Members agreed that they supported the moves planned.

1. Planning

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

21/02193/TPO. George Brook, 6 Widmerpool Park. Crown reduction on two Hornbeam trees and reduce limb on Oak Tree. Grant.

21/01772/FUL. Mr and Mrs Horne, 23 Widmerpool Park. Convert store to home office, including elevational changes and addition of roof lights. Grant.

2101679/ful. Mr and Mrs Buxton, 6 Widmerpool Park. Single storey side and rear extensions, addition of covered veranda, new dormer on rear elevation, new windows in first and second floor and addition of detached timber car part. Grant.

1. Environment

Coun. Telfer-Smith said he was in correspondence with the Rushcliffe MP Ruth Edwards on the subject of flooding, the Fairham brook, and general drainage matters, and would keep the council updated on the situation. The clerk was asked to contact Rushcliffe Borough Council planners to remind them of the need to take into account the possibility of creating flooding when dealing with property development in the parish.

The question of use of the Beehive land was discussed and while it was felt the council should keep an interest in the matter it was not one they could be closely involved in.

1. HM Queen 70th anniversary 2022

Members discussed the coming Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in June when she would become the world’s longest serving and oldest Monarch. It was agreed that they would organise a parish event to take place on Sunday June 5 next year, the final day of the four public holidays granted by the Government to help mark the occasion.

1. Financial

Accounts to pay were approved as circulated

1. Date for Next Meeting confirmed as Monday 6 December 2021 at 6.00pm

The meeting agreed to write to Mr Chris Butterfield to compliment him on his continuing effort to maintain the village footpath in first class order.

Coun. Belton asked the council to consider provision of a village plaque to advise visitors of the history and details of what the parish had to offer. It will be an item on the next agenda.

Confirmation was given of an event on Sunday October 10 at the Rugby Club to celebrate the achieving of local girl Sophie Hahn her second Paralympic Gold Medal, in Tokyo.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.